BASIC ARABIC

BRAILLE CHART


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IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL

The Basic Arabic Braille Chart was developed at the Braille Unification Conference, held under the auspices of UNESCO in 1952

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BASIC ALPHABET

⠁		ا
⠃	ب	بـ
⠞	ت	تـ
⠹	ث	ثـ
⠚	ج	جـ
⠱	ح	حـ
⠭	خ	خـ
⠙		د
⠮		ذ
⠗		ر
⠵		ز
⠎	س	سـ

⠩		ش	شـ
⠯		ص	صـ
⠫		ض	ضـ
⠾			طـ
⠿			ظـ
⠷	ع	ـعـ	عـ
⠣	غ	ـغـ	غـ
⠋		ف	فـ
⠟		ق	قـ
⠅		ك	كـ
⠇		ل	لـ
⠍		م	مـ

⠝		ن	نـ
⠺			و
⠓	ه	ـهـ	هـ
⠊		ي	يـ

ACCENTED LETTERS

⠧	ﻼ	ﻻ
⠕		ى
⠌	إ	أ
⠜		آ
⠳		ؤ
⠽		ﺋ
⠡		ة

Although many Arabic letters have forms for initial, medial and final positions in the word, the braille symbol remains the same.

PUNCTUATION

⠄⠄⠄	...	⠤	-
⠔⠔	★	⠤⠤	—
⠰	;	⠌	/
		⠦	?
		⠖	!
		⠐⠂	:
		⠦	”
		⠴	“
		⠶	)
		⠶	(
		⠲	.
		⠐	,

NUMBERS AND MATHEMATICAL SYMBOLS

⠢	+	⠁	١
⠔	−	⠃	٢
⠡	×	⠉	٣
⠌	÷	⠙	٤
⠒⠒	=	⠑	٥
⠒⠏	٪	⠋	٦
⠨	،	⠛	٧
		⠓	٨
		⠊	٩
		⠚	٠

The symbols used for the numbers are the same as the symbols used for some letters. For this reason it is necessary to use the number sign to distinguish between the letters and the numbers. The number sign: ⠼

When combining letters with numbers, the letter sign is used. The letter sign: ⠰

VOWEL POINTS

⠃⠂	بَ
⠃⠑	بِ
⠃⠥	بُ
⠠⠃⠂	بَّ
⠃⠆	بً
⠃⠔	بٍ
⠃⠢	بٌ
⠃⠒	بْ

The vowel points are used infrequently. They are used primarily when accurate pronunciation is critical.
The second letter of the Arabic alphabet is shown with the vowel points as an example.